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SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER

Banks.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000.
RESERVE FUND.....4,300,000.
RESERVE LIABILITY OF
PROPRIETORS.....7,500,000.

COURT OF DIRECTORS—
CHAIRMAN—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN—H. L. DALRYMPLE, Esq.
W. G. BRODIE, Esq.
J. E. DAVIES, Esq.
J. F. HOLLIDAY, Esq.
Hon. J. J. KESWICK,
Hon. B. LAYTON.

CHIEF MANAGER.
HONGKONG—G. E. NOBLE, Esq.
MANAGER.
SHANGHAI—EWEN CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND
COUNTY BANK.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
ON CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNT at
the rate of 5 per cent. per Annum on the
daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS—
For 3 months, 3 per Cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 4 per Cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 5 per Cent. per Annum.

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
CREDITS granted on approved Securities,
and every description of BANKING and
EXCHANGE business transacted.
DRAFTS granted in London, and the chief
commercial places in Europe, India, Australia,
America, China and Japan.

G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 27th April, 1889.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL.....\$4,000,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....500,000.

Registered Office, 40, THE ARCADE STREET,
LONDON.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN
AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives MONEY ON DEPOSIT,
Buys and Sells BILLS OF EXCHANGE,
Issues LETTERS OF CREDIT, forwards BILLS for
COLLECTION, and Transacts Banking and
Agency Business generally, on terms to be had
on application.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:
Fixed for 12 months, 5 per Cent. per Annum.
" 6 " 4 " "
" 3 " 3 " "
ON CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS
3 per Cent. per Annum on the Daily Balance.

APPROVED CLAIMS on the ORIENTAL
BANK CORPORATION, in Liquidation, or
the BALANCES of such claims, purchased on
advantageous terms.

AGENCY OF THE NATIONAL LIFE ASSURANCE
SOCIETY.

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

HONGKONG BRANCH.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

1.—THE BUSINESS of the above BANK
will be conducted by the HONGKONG
AND SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION, on their premises in
Hongkong, Business Hours on WEEK-
DAYS, 10 to 3 SATURDAYS, 10 to 1.

2.—SUMS LESS THAN \$1, OR MORE THAN
\$250 at one time will not be received. No
Depositor may deposit more than \$250
in any one year.

3.—DEPOSITORS in the SAVINGS BANK,
having \$100 or more, at their credit may, at
their option transfer the same to the HONG-
KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION on fixed deposit for 12
months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—INTEREST at the rate of 3 1/2 per
annum will be allowed to Depositors on
their daily balances.

5.—EACH DEPOSITOR will be supplied gratis
with a PASS-BOOK, which must be presented
with each payment or withdrawal.
Depositors must not make any entries them-
selves in their PASS-BOOK, but should send
them to be written up at least twice a year,
about the beginning of January and
beginning of July.

6.—CORRESPONDENCE as to the Business
of the Bank, if marked ON HONGKONG
SAVINGS BANK BUSINESS, will be
forwarded free by the various British Post
Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—WITHDRAWALS may be made on demand,
but the personal attendance of the
Depositor or his duly appointed Agent, and
the production of his PASS-BOOK, are
necessary.

FOR THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION,

G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1889.

HONGKONG HIGH LEVEL TRAM- WAYS COMPANY, LTD.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.
8 to 10 A.M. every quarter of an hour.
10 to 12 P.M. every half hour.
12 to 2 P.M. every quarter of an hour.

THURSDAYS.
NIGHT TRAMS at 10.30 and 11 P.M.

SUNDAYS.
10.40 A.M.; 12.10; 1.30 P.M. every quarter of an
hour.
4.10; 5.10 P.M. every quarter of an hour.
6.10; 7.10 P.M. every half hour.
Special Cars may be obtained on application
to the Superintendent.

Single Tickets are sold in the Cars; Five-Cent
Coupons and Reduced Tickets at the Office.

MADEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1889.

Intimations.

W. POWELL & CO

EX "ARKATON APCAR."
NEWEST SHAPES

LADIES, GENTLEMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S
CALCUTTA PITH HATS.

Covered in any material to suit Purchasers.
Victoria Exchange, Hongkong, 30th April, 1889.

A. HAHN, PIANO TUNER AND REPAIRER. PIANOS FOR SALE

ON HIRE Address: c/o HONGKONG HOTEL or No. 25, CAINE ROAD.
Hongkong, 24th December, 1888.

W. BREWER.

HAS JUST RECEIVED

A LARGE selection of Sporting Pictures,
consisting of
Coaching Scenes,
Great Race Meetings,
Steeplechasing, &c., &c.
New Framed Pictures,
New Photos of Fashionable Beauties.
Very handsome Photo Screens.
Foreign Office List, 1889.
Colonial
J. S. Brewer's Engineer's Handbook.
P. & O. Pocket Book.
Aspinall's Enamels.
Day's The Horse, how to breed and rear him.
Davis's Practical Microscopy.
Hongkong, 6th May, 1889.

THE

HALL & HOLTZ C. CO., LIMITED.

TAILORING AND OUTFITTING
DEPARTMENT.

SUMMER SEASON.
JUST RECEIVED.

FANCY STRIPE SERGE SUITINGS,
FANCY STRIPE FLANNEL SUITINGS,
FANCY STRIPE AND CHECK TENNIS FLANNELS,
FANCY STRIPE AND CHECK SPUN-SILK COATINGS,
WHITE SERGE AND FLANNEL SUITINGS,
DUCKS and DRILLS for PATROL SUITS,
FANCY SPUN SILKS, FLANNELS etc., for TENNIS SHIRTS.

ANGLO-INDIA GAUZE SHIRTS and PANTS, INDIAGA UZE SHIRTS and PANTS,
BALBRIGGAN SHIRTS and PANTS, WHITE and FANCY COL. LISLE THREAD
HOSE, SUMMER MEXICO HOSE, SPUN SILK HOSE, BALBRIGGAN HOSE,
POCKET HANDKERCHIEFS, BRACES, CRICKET BELTS, TENNIS BELTS, SILK
UMBRELLAS, SUN UMBRELLAS, STRAW HATS, PITH HATS, TERAI HATS,
TENNIS SHOES, WHITE CANVAS SHOES, KID BOOTS and SHOES, SCARVES,
TIES, DRAWERS, SILK SASHES in new COLORS, &c., &c.

Hongkong, 7th May, 1889.

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

NEW FRENCH BOOKS.
ARMAUD SILVESTRE, CONTES A LA
BRUNE.
Louis Enault, Le Château des Anges.
Sacher-Masoch, La Pécheuse d'Amour.
Léopold Fallu de Barrière, Les Gens De Mer.
Jacques Madeleine, Un Couple.
Ed. Joseph, La Chantreuse.
Léon De Rosny, Taureau et Mantilles.
La France Du Centenaire, Edouard Goumy.
C. de Varigny, Les Grandes Fortunes aux
Etats-Unis et en Angleterre.
George Elliot, Silas Marner (translation).
Octave Feuillet, Le Trésor Des Gendres.
Comte Amaury Vol. I Fatima Vol. II.
Georges Ohnet, Le Docteur Rameau.
Rene Maizeroy, La Belle.
Paul Saunier, Une Fille Des Pharaons.
Armand Silvestre, Un Premier Amant.
Comte Léon Tolstoy, De la Vie.
Dubut De Laffort, L'Homme De Joie.
Louis Figuer, L'Année Scientifique et In-
dustrielle.
Ch. De Chaudondy, La France en 1889.
Hector Malot, Justice.
Sir Morel Mackenzie, La Dernière Maladie de
Frédéric le Noble.
Hongkong, 4th May, 1889.

FOR SALE,
NEW MUSIC.

NEW SONGS.

MATTEL, GOUNOD, STEPHEN ADAMS, DENYIN, MOLLOY, and DIETL.

NEW PIANO SOLOS.

PLANQUETTE'S NEW COMIC OPERA "PAUL JONES."

Also,
A LARGE SUPPLY OF ALL THE SONGS IN THE LATEST GAITY
BURLAPESQUE OPERA "FAUST UP TO DATE."

Hongkong, 3rd April, 1889.

ROBERT LANG & CO.,

TAILORS, HATTERS, SHIRTMAKERS, AND GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTERS.

HAVE RECEIVED THEIR SECOND DELIVERY

OF
WINTER COATINGS (TWEEDS) AND DRESS SUITING, TROUSERSINGS and
ULSTER TWEEDS.

A very stylish selection.

OUR OUTFITTING STOCK is ALSO COMPLETE IN SEASONABLE GOODS.

QUEEN'S ROAD (Opposite HONGKONG HOTEL).

Hongkong, 14th January, 1889.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

I HAVE THIS DAY started as a SHARE
and GENERAL-BROKER.
S. R. ROMANIL
Hongkong, 8th May, 1889. [557]

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON
WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY,
LIMITED.

MR. EDWARD OSBORNE has been
appointed ACTING SECRETARY of the
above Company from this date.

J. J. KESWICK,
Chairman.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1889. [520]

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT
AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

MR. AUGUSTUS SHELTON HOOPER
is appointed SECRETARY of the Com-
pany.

J. J. KESWICK,
Chairman.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1889. [521]

NOTICE.

THE Procuration granted to Mr. C. H.
SCHMIDT by our Firm is withdrawn.

WM. G. HALE & Co.
Saigon, 13th April, 1889. [517]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT
AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....\$5,000,000.
PAID UP CAPITAL.....2,500,000.
RESERVE FUND.....1,250,000.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Hon. J. J. KESWICK, Chairman.

Hon. C. P. CHATER, Managing Directors.

E. A. SOLOMON, Esq., Vice-Chairman.

J. S. MOSES, Esq.

S. E. MICHAELSEN, Esq.

S. E. NOBLE, Esq.

LEE SING, Esq.

POON PONG, Esq.

BANKERS.

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

MONEY advanced on Mortgage, on Land,
and Buildings.

Properties purchased and sold.

Estates Managed and all kinds of Agency and
Commission business relating to land, etc.,
conducted.

Full particulars can be obtained at the Com-
pany's Offices, No. 7, Queen's Road Central.

A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Victoria Buildings,
Hongkong, 3rd May, 1889. [532]

Consignees.

THE CHINA SHIPPERS' MUTUAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON, GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL,
AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship
"OOPACK"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods
are being landed at their risk, into the Godowns,
of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and
Godown Company, Kowloon, whence delivery
may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all claims must
be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before
NOON, on the 12th instant, or they will not be
recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to
be left in the Godowns where they will be
examined on the 11th instant at 4 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any
Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 12th
inst., will be subject to rent.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before 2 P.M.,
To-day.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
ARNHOLD, KREBERG & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 6th May, 1889. [542]

UNION LINE.

FROM ANTWERP AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship
"CAMBODIA"

Captain Wildgoose, having arrived from the above
Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested
to send in their Bills of Lading to the under-
signed for countersignature and to take im-
mediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the steamer
will be at once landed and stored at Con-
signees' risk and expense and no Fire
Insurance will be effected.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on to
Shanghai unless notice to the contrary be given
before NOON TO-MORROW, the 8th inst.

All claims against the Steamer must be pre-
sented to the Undersigned on or before the 15th
instant or they will not be recognized.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 7th May, 1889. [552]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

THE "GIBB" LINE.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE,
(Calling at SINGAPORE, SOERABAYA, PORT
DARWIN, and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and
taking through Cargo for ADELAIDE,
TASMANIA, NEW ZEALAND, &c.)

THE British Steamer

"AFGHAN"

Captain Golding, will be despatched for the
above Ports, on SATURDAY, the 11th inst.,
at Noon, instead of as previously notified.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Managers.

Hongkong, 6th May, 1889. [577]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

STEAM TO STRAITS, COLOMBO AND
BOMBAY.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship
"THIBET"

will leave for the above places on MONDAY,
13th inst., at 3 P.M.

E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 7th May, 1889. [551]

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship
"SUTLEY"

will leave for the above place about 24 hours
after her arrival with the outward English mail.

E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 7th May, 1889. [54]

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,
BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,
BRINDISI, TRIESTE.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to CALCUTTA,
MADRAS, PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK
SEA, LEVANT, and ADRIATIC PORTS).

THE Company's Steamship
"MEDEA"

Captain E. Ratmann, will be despatched as
above TUESDAY, the 14th inst., at NOON.

For further Particulars regarding Freight and
Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company,
Praya Central.

O. BACHRACH,
Agent.

Hongkong, 4th May, 1889. [540]

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 A. I. I. American Bark
"TEWKSBUURY I. SWEAT"

Gooding, Master, shortly expected, will load here
for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
PUSTAU & Co.

Hongkong, 10th April, 1889. [440]

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 A. I. I. American Ship
"AGENOR"

Lothrop, Master, shortly expected, will load here
for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
PUSTAU & Co.

Hongkong, 10th April, 1889. [441]

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.

THE 3/3 L. I. I. German Bark
"PAPA"

Henne, Master, will load here for the above
Ports, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
PUSTAU & Co.

Hongkong, 10th April, 1889. [439]

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE A. I. American Ship
"CONQUEROR"

Frost, Master, shortly expected, will load
here for the above Port, and will have quick
despatch.

For Freight, apply to
PUSTAU & Co.

Hongkong, 17th April, 1889. [479]

Mails.

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVER-
LAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA AND SAN
FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship
"CITY OF SYDNEY"

will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yoko-
hama, on SATURDAY, the 18th May, at
4 P.M., taking Passengers and Freight for
Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports,
to San Francisco, and Atlantic and Inland
Cities of the United States, and Overland Rail-
ways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and
to ports in Mexico, Central and South America,
by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England,
France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines
of Steamers.

First-class Fares granted as follows:—
To San Francisco.....\$200.00
To San Francisco and return.....350.00
available for 6 months.....325.00
To Liverpool.....325.00
To London.....300.00
To other European Ports at proportionate
rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers
of the Army, Navy, Civil Service, and the
Imperial Chinese Customs, to be obtained on
application.

Passengers by this line have the option of
proceeding Overland by the Southern Pacific
and Connecting Lines, Central Pacific, Northern
Pacific or Canadian Pacific Railways.

Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embark-
ing at San Francisco for China or Japan (or
vice versa) within one year will be allowed a
discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does
not apply to through fares from China and
Japan to Europe.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M.
the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will
be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day;
all Parcel Packages should be marked to ad-
dress in full, and value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo des-
tined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the
United States, should be sent to the Company's
Offices in San Francisco, addressed to the
Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and
Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company,
No. 50A, Queen's Road Central.

C. D. HARMAN,
Agent.

Hongkong, 4th May, 1889. [51]

Mails.

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO
JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES,
MEXICO,

CENTRAL AND SOUTH-AMERICA, AND
EUROPE;

VIA
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
AND
ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING
STEAMERS.

THE Steamship

"ARABIC"

will be despatched for San Francisco, via
Yokohama on SATURDAY, the 11th May,
at 1 P.M.

Connection will be made at Yokohama with
Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports.

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to
address in full; and the same will be received at
the Company's Office until Five P.M. the day
previous to sailing.

First-class Fares granted as follows:—

Intimations.

ELECTRO-MEDICAL APPLIANCES.

For the cure of Nervous Diseases, Neuralgia, Rheumatism, Lumbago, etc.

MAGNETO-ELECTRIC MACHINES.

Very powerful, with multiplying wheels and magnetic indicator in Mahogany box.

SPAMER'S SINGLE and DOUBLE CELL BATTERIES.

GAFFEE'S PORTABLE MEDICAL COIL.

SCOTT'S ELECTRIC HAIR BRUSHES, TOOTH BRUSHES, etc.

ELASTIC STOCKINGS, LEGGINGS, KNEE-CAPS, ANKLETS and BANDAGES.

SURGICAL and MEDICAL APPLIANCES of all description at lowest rates.

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA, LIMITED.

WHOLESALE and RETAIL CHEMISTS, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Opposite Hongkong Hotel.

(Telephone No. 60.)

Hongkong, 9th May, 1889.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

Established A.D. 1841.

WATSON'S

PATENT DESSICATING OR DRYING BOTTLES.

A. S. W. & Co. beg to call attention to their new PATENT DRYING BOTTLES

which have been specially designed and manufactured for them.

By the use of these bottles, CIGARS as well as ALL GOODS which are susceptible to the

destroying influences of moisture can be kept in good and perfect condition.

Whenever or wherever the atmosphere is

saturated with moisture these bottles will be found invaluable.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1889.

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communications relating to Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., be addressed to the "Manager, Hongkong Telegraph," and not to the Editor.

Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and not to individual members of the staff.

Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as evidence of good faith.

While the columns of the Hongkong Telegraph will always be open for the free discussion by correspondents of all questions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

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TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Subscribers to the Hongkong Telegraph are respectfully reminded that all Subscriptions are payable in advance.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MAY 9, 1889.

We are very glad to observe that the Canton

correspondent of the *China Mail* endeavours, albeit in a somewhat clumsy fashion, to do

some sort of justice to His Excellency the

Viceroy of Canton. CHAN CHIH-TUNG has

from time to time been so grossly abused

and misrepresented in the columns of our

evening contemporary by its successive

misleading representatives in the City of

Rams that it is quite refreshing to find one

member of the fraternity honest enough to

ignore deep-rooted prejudice in the cause

of truth. The present Canton correspondent

of the *China Mail*, in the lengthy epistle

printed in last night's issue of that moribund

publication, tells us nothing new

either of the personality of the Viceroy, his

consistent policy, or the great reforms in

which he is now practically engaged in

carrying out, or has sanctioned with his

approval. The whole of these schemes,

from the establishment of the new cash Mint

to the projected lines of railway connecting

Canton with Hongkong on one side and the

populous trading and mining districts

discovered the error of its ways, and

also for plucking up sufficient resolution to

atone for its past misdeeds in vilifying

and maligning the large-minded patriot

and accomplished scholar who directs the

destinies of Southern China.

No Chinese statesman has ever been

more vehemently attacked or more unjustly

held up to the abuse and scorn of foreigners

than Viceroy CHANG, and it is not creditable

to their professions of Christianity that His

Excellency's chief, if not sole, assailants

have been members of the missionary

body. British and American sectarians,

who foolishly regard themselves as

entitled to all sorts of extraordinary

rights within the Chinese empire, have

lost no possible opportunity of painting

the Viceroy in the blackest colours, holding

him up as the most rabid of anti-foreign

and retrograde statesmen, and as the sworn

enemy to religion, to foreigners, and to

advanced civilisation; whereas, in plain

truth, His Excellency is just the reverse of

the picture painted in such Christian spirit

by the meek and lowly apostles of the

various wealthy Missions which have tried

so hard to exercise a preponderating

influence in the Middle Kingdom. CHAN

CHIH-TUNG is alike one of the ablest and

most far-seeing of China's high officials;

he is a courteous gentleman and a profound

scholar; his name has never once been

tainted—a rare virtue in a Chinese

mandarin—with bribery or any one of the

many venal abuses so rampant in vice-

regal yamens; and it can scarcely be

doubted that the immense influence he

possesses with the Empress and in swaying

the decisions of the high authorities in

Peking, rests on the universally recognised

fact that his patriotism, like his integrity

and personal courage, stands high above

suspicion. So far as Hongkong is

concerned, the Viceroy has rendered

himself unpopular in certain mercantile

circles by the apathy he is supposed to

have shown regarding the removal of

the obstructions to navigation in what is

known as the "back reach" of the Pearl

river, which were laid down when Canton

was believed to be in danger from the

French war vessels during the Franco-

Chinese troubles some five years ago;

but under all circumstances, and we speak

with some authority, we cannot hold his

Excellency solely to blame for what is

undoubtedly an unnecessary and irritating

nuisance. After terms of peace between

France and China had been arranged, the

Canton high authorities had no objections

whatever to removing the piles, stones and

other rubbish which impeded the trade

of the port by preventing foreign

steamers from using the "back reach,"

and steps actually had been initiated for

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

ROME has now twenty-two Protestant churches.

The latest from South America is that Brazil is preparing for a war with Bolivia.

We are informed that the meeting of the Legislative Council which was to be held at 4 p.m. to-morrow has been postponed till Thursday, the 16th inst., at 4 p.m.

We would remind our readers that the amateur concert in aid of the Roman Catholic Cathedral Organ Fund will take place this evening, in the Club Lusitano, commencing at 9 o'clock.

We are requested to state that the Band and Pipers of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders will not play in the Public Gardens on Sunday next, and will cease playing until further notice.

A COMPETITION in gymnastics, etc., for prizes presented by the Hon. A. P. MacEwen, President of the Victoria Recreation Club, will be held in the Gymnasium of the V. R. C. on Saturday next, commencing at 5.30 p.m.

SOME of the "cures" at a European resort are mineral water cure, grape cure, whey cure, cold-water cure, massage cure, pine-needle baths, Russian, Roman, Irish, mud, steam and electric baths. All ill is met by "cures."

AN Opera Bouffe Company from Australia will shortly visit Hongkong and Shanghai. The leading artists of the combination are Mesdames Annette Ivanova, Aggie Kelton, and Bella Stewart, and Messrs. John Forde and Knight Ashton.

He was at last ready for trial. Great Boole Lawyer (in New York)—"The trial of your honorable client will begin to-morrow." Assistant (astounded)—"Trial? Couldn't you get the case postponed any longer?" "No need to have it further postponed. All the important witnesses are dead."

"CHARLEY, the scientists compute that on an average a man holds four aces once in 3,486 times." "Yes." "Well, what do you think of a man who holds such a hand three times in a single evening?" "I should think he might be too good a poker player to make the game thoroughly enjoyable for his friends."

THE French army for 1889 stands at 515,627 men and 123,794 horses; the strength of the German army, by the Septennate bill of 1887, is fixed at 492,000 men, with about 85,000 horses; the Austrian army numbers 301,024 men, with 50,362 horses and the Italian army 253,000 men, with a proportionate number of horses.

ABOUT 4.45 this morning, a fire broke out on the first floor of a Chinese storehouse at No. 10, Wilmer Street, Praya West. A quantity of miscellaneous goods—tea, tobacco, medicine, etc., was inside, and the flames spread rapidly. The Fire Brigade, under Mr. Superintendent Wedgwood, got down quickly, and succeeded in saving the two storehouses adjoining, but No. 10 was gutted. It was insured for \$15,000 with some foreign company represented by Messrs. Siemens & Co.

THE French medical jurists still recommend death by decapitation. In an elaborate work, entitled "La Mort par la Decapitation," by Dr. Paul Loyer, the following are given as its advantages: It kills instantly, painlessly and surely—*tuolo, cito et jucunde*. There can be absolutely no return of consciousness after the blow falls. The separation of the head and trunk offers a public proof of death. In all other procedures, says Dr. Loyer, and in death by electricity in particular, the simulation of death is possible.

"Now, sir," said the counsel for the defence, knitting his brows and looking severely at the witness, "you can remember the exact time during the forenoon at which these events took place, because you had been fishing in the creek for more than three hours. Is that correct?" "It is," replied the witness. "I'll ask you now if you can remember how many fish you had caught, and what their size was?" "I hadn't caught a fish. Hadn't had a blamed nibble." "We'll have to change our tactics," whispered the lawyer to his client. "We never can impeach this man's testimony."

THE use of oil to prevent the breaking of heavy waves, the N. Y. *Maritime Register* says, has become so great that many kinds of apparatus have been invented to distribute the oil with good effect. Notwithstanding all this, however, the use of oil for stilling the waves is not by any means common. Mariners are at the same time credulous and sceptical. They are fond of old ways and they have not taken over kindly to the use of oil. But the spirit of progress is upon them and sufficient of them have felt its influence to show the obstinate that they can no longer ignore the merits of oil as a wave queller. Its use must become common and those who have been sensible enough to try it should tell of their experience, not once but time and again, and especially when they meet with the sceptical.

THE Band and Pipers of the 1st Battalion A. and S. Highlanders, will perform in Murray Barracks from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. to-morrow. The following will be the programme:—

BAND PROGRAMME.

March—"2nd March".....Gold.

Quadrille—"Pine of the Fair".....Williams.

Valse—"The Duet".....Albert.

Polka—"Old China".....Owen.

Lancers—"Old China".....Owen.

Galsop—"John Paul".....Metcalf.

PIPER'S PROGRAMME FOR BARRACK SQUARE.

March—"Hot Punch".....Gold.

Strathspey—"The Brave O'Connell".....Gold.

Red—"The Chorus of Whiskey".....Gold.

March—"The Donald Laker".....Gold.

Strathspey—"The Lady MacKenzie O'Kelly".....Gold.

Red—"The Donald Laker".....Gold.

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IN Rome there are 30 cardinals, 35 bishops, 1,460 priests, 2,215 nuns and 3,000 monks, friars, candidates, etc.

The Christy Minstrel troupe of H.M.S. *Rattler* gave a performance at the Amoy Club Theatre on the evening of Monday last.

FEMALE physicians are allowed to practice in Turkistan, but there is so little demand for their services that they pay patients to employ them.

THE London *Queen* says that American girls are bright, intelligent, good managers, tasteful dressers, kind, warm-hearted friends and affectionate wives and mothers.

THE Russian Government is stated to have granted an annual subsidy of 111,000 rubles to a private firm who contract to run a line of steamers between the Russian Pacific ports and Korea, Japan and China, the vessels in time of war to be at the disposal of the Government.

THE following scale of prices for ascending the Eiffel tower have been fixed: five francs for the top, three francs for the second platform, and two francs for the first. Unlimited time is allowed the visitors to remain at the tower. It is estimated that 10,000 visitors can be simultaneously accommodated in the structure.

THE Amoy *Advertiser* remarks:—Advices from Takow report that the Douglas Co's steamer *Halpion*, loaded in one day, 16,000 bags, roughly 1,000 tons, for Yokohama. This is the largest amount of cargo ever taken in at Takow within the twenty-four hours. Considering that the steamer was anchored in the roadstead, the fact speaks well for the resources of the port.

A CASE of poisoning, caused by eating *Adel de Jole gras* from a can closed with lead, is reported by our *Halpion* contemporary. The other day Messieurs Charpal, Paillet, Jeannin and a native servant were returning from Do-son when, one after another, they showed violent symptoms of poisoning. On arrival at Halpion, strong remedies were given them at the military hospital, and they eventually recovered. On enquiring into the origin of the complaint, it was found out that all had partaken freely of the *Adel* alluded to.

THE Bench and Bar gives the following as the laws concerning divorces:—Australians.—Divorces have never been sanctioned. Jews.—In olden times the Jews had a discretionary power of divorcing their wives. Javans.—If the wife be dissatisfied, she can obtain a perfect divorce by paying a certain specified sum. Tibetans.—Divorces are seldom allowed unless with the consent of both parties; re-marriage is forbidden. Moors.—If the wife does not become the mother of a boy, she may be divorced with the consent of the judge, and she can marry again without any further formalities. Abyssinians.—No form of marriage is necessary. The connection may be dissolved and renewed as often as the parties think proper. Siberians.—If the man be dissatisfied with the most trifling acts of his wife, he tears her cap or veil from her head, and this constitutes a divorce. Koreans.—The husband can divorce his wife at pleasure, and leave her the charge of maintaining the children. If she proves unfaithful, he can put her to death. Slavians.—The wife may be divorced, and as the others may be. She may claim the first child, and the alternate children are yielded to the husband. Arctic Region.—When a man desires a divorce he leaves the house in anger, and does not return for several days. The wife understands the hint and leaves. Druse and Turkmen.—Among these people, if a wife asks her husband's permission to go out, and he says, "Go," without adding, "but come back again," she is divorced. Though both parties desire it, they cannot lawfully live together again without being remarried. Cochins.—If the parties desire to separate they break a pair of chopsticks or a copper coin in the presence of witnesses, by which action the union is dissolved. The husband must restore to the wife the property belonging to her prior to her marriage. Americans.—Among some tribes the pieces of sticks given the witnesses of the marriage are broken as a sign of divorce. Usually new connections are formed without the old ones being dissolved. A man never divorces his wife if she has borne him sons.

POPE LEO XIII. has at last condescended to leave the Vatican—where for 18 years the Pope has kept up a feeble show of being imprisoned for conscience sake—and has been seen by the faithful sniffing the Roman breezes out of doors. The San Francisco *Argonaut* howls derisively over the event as follows:—Our profound sympathy has been stirred for the imprisoned Pope. For these 18 years he has been confined within his own sumptuous palace of the Vatican, not allowed to walk abroad save in his own extensive pleasure grounds; not permitted to see the light of heaven except through stained glass; compelled to subsist upon prison fare sumptuously prepared by skillful cooks and served upon dishes of silver and plates of gold; breathing no breath of fresh air that did not come through perfumed gloves filled with the melody of birds; his only freedom of personal movement through many thousand rooms, galleries, broad halls, stairways, gilded, tapestried, and frescoed by Michael Angelo, enriched and adorned by sculpture, painting, wood-carving, pictures in mosaics of marble, provided with bands of music; guarded by Swiss; waited on by cardinals, priests, and laymen; adored as the viceregent of God; receiving deputations from foreign lands; visits from crowned kings, presents from an admiring world, to the extent of millions in value; clothed in embroidered vestments, blazing in jewels, and recognized by hundreds of millions of worshippers as civil monarch of all the earth, as representative of God, as holding the keys of the heavenly Jerusalem. Poor, persecuted, imprisoned, unhappy Pope! As successor of St. Peter, who was a fisher of fish, he has been compelled to fish for men. Christ the God was permitted in freedom to vie with the beasts of the field and the birds of the air for a place where to lay His head, while this poor sovereign of all the earth has been confined to a sumptuous royal palace, amid waves of art and surrounded by Leo the Vatican, and pagants of royalty. Christ the Lord made a mistake while on earth by surrendering to the "powers," by living obedient to "authority," by "rendering unto Caesar the things that were Caesar's," and by "rendering unto God the things that were God's." Had He been a king by divine authority, had He enjoyed the "keys," had He been clothed with "infallibility" while in the flesh—He might have lived in palace, been surrounded by guards, worn a crown other than that of thorns, and died a happier death than by crucifixion. We are so glad that this cruel persecution of Leo the Thirteenth is ended, so delighted that he has consented to walk down the magnificent, chiseled, Parian stairway from out the splendid environments of his sumptuous palace into the great Basilica of St. Peter, that we cannot refrain from the expression of our satisfaction and the hope that he will further emancipate himself from the thraldom of his surroundings, by tossing his three-storied tiara from the tower of Castle of San Angelo into the yellow Tiber.

M. JUBOT, Agent of the Messageries Maritimes at Halpion, and M. Boudet, Civil Engineer attached to the firm of U. Pila & Co. arrived here by the steamer *Frapp*, from Halpion, and left to-day by the French Mail steamer *Imoudou* for Marseilles.

Two years ago

E. L. WOODD
Superintendent

